

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
BOISE NATIONAL FOREST
MOUNTAIN HOME RANGER DISTRICT**

ROAD CLOSURE
National Forest System Roads 166/166B/166B1
For Resource Protection

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(b), the following act is prohibited on the National Forest System Roads described in this order, within the administrative boundaries of the Mountain Home Ranger District, Boise National Forest. This Order will be in effect upon signing and will remain in effect until further notice.

1. Using a motorized vehicle on the road (as described below) **36 CFR 261.54(a)**

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

AREA AND ROAD DESCRIPTION

National Forest System (NFS) Road #166 (a.k.a. Grouse Creek Road) and spur NFS Roads #166B and 166B1 are described as being located within Township 2 North, Range 10 East, Sections 1 and 2; Township 3 North, Range 10 East, Sections 25 and 33-36; and Township 3 North, Range 11 East, Section 30, Boise Meridian.

These roads are within the Mountain Home Ranger District, Boise National Forest, Boise Meridian, Elmore County, ID.

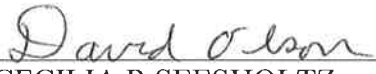
PURPOSE

Reduce resource damage to roads and adjacent lands occurring from motorized use immediately after snow removal.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect upon signing and will remain in effect until further notice.
2. A map identifying the above-described area is attached to and made part of this Order.
3. Any violation of this order is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six months [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].
4. This Order supersedes any previous orders/notices for the above-described roads or portions thereof.
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Mountain Home Ranger District Office, Mountain Home, ID, telephone number 208-587-7961, and at the Boise National Forest Supervisor's Office, Boise, ID, telephone number 208-373-4007.

Done at Boise, Idaho this 20 day of April, 2011.


for CECILIA R SEESHOLTZ
Forest Supervisor
Boise National Forest

Order Number: 0402-01-35

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan
Mountain Home Ranger District – Boise National Forest
Order #: 0402-01-35

1. Background. Portions of Forest Roads 166, 166B, and 166B1 on the Mountain Home Ranger District, Boise National Forest, see attached map, are authorized travel routes for access to the West Side Timber Sale located on the Fairfield Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest. The Purchaser of this Timber Sale has submitted a plan of operations to complete removal of included timber during April, May, and June of 2011. Preparations for contract work involve plowing snow off the listed roads to gain access to the Sale Area and for eventual log haul. Currently 0-4 feet of snow exist on portions of these roads.

These roads are multiple use roads open to the public and under normal spring melt conditions the roads open slowly from the lower elevations to the higher ground. This slow spring melt typically allows the road to dry up to the point that public use with motorized vehicles does not pose a threat to the asset. Due to the planned timber sale timber sale activity this entire stretch of system road would become immediately accessible to the public and portions of this road will be susceptible to unacceptable resource damage including excessive rutting, leading to increased runoff and sedimentation. While the purchaser is responsible for maintenance commensurate with their use of these roads, excessive damage caused by the public during the drying period would be the responsibility of the Forest Service to repair.

This temporary closure would be enforced until the road system dries out to the point that motorized use no longer poses a threat. This is anticipated to be no longer than May 15, 2011, however this closure could be rescinded prior to this date or extended beyond if conditions warrant.


These activities satisfy requirements under 36 CFR 220.6(d) (1) as outlined in FSH 1909.15.

2. Intent of Subpart B order. This temporary road closure is for all public motorized access not including the Timber Sale Purchaser, his employees, or subcontractors.

3. Enforcement Plan. On the ground signing and maintenance of signs would occur to advise the public of temporary road closure. Signs would be posted at approximately mile 0.5 of FR166, the point at which this road crosses from private property to National Forest System lands. A temporary barricade, such as saw horses, would be installed as deemed necessary. On site FS timber sale administration personnel will make compliance contacts as needed.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LE&I input	4/15/2011
Review proposed order Review proposed order	Supervisory LEO RO LE&I and OGC	4/20/2011
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	When Order is Signed
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	4/18/2011
Educational contacts will be made to obtain voluntary compliance as needed	Appropriate Staff LEO/field going personnel through out the temporary closure period.	On going

Plan approved for implementation:


 CECILIA R SEESHOLTZ
 Forest Supervisor
 Boise National Forest

4/20/11
 DATE

Temporary Road Closure FR166, FR166B, FR166B1 Grouse Creek/Hunter Creek Area

